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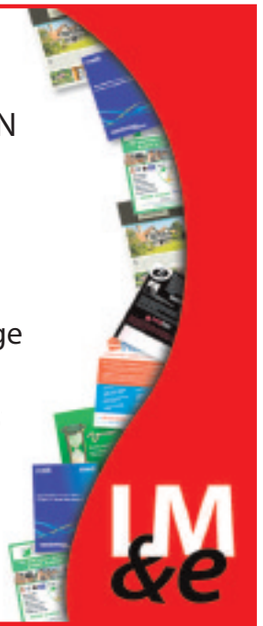



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# Recycling centre will stay at a cost

THE MESSAGE loud and clear this week is that users of the recycling centre in Blacknell Lane, Crewkerne, will have to put their hands in their pockets and continue to support the facility if they want to keep it open.

A three month trial has been declared to see if all those who petitioned for the retention of the site will continue to use it if they have to pay.

After a great deal of work behind the scenes, the Somerset Waste Partnership met last Friday and agreed a figure of £2 per visit would have to be charged initially to keep the centre from closure, this figure was based on an assumed drop in the number of visits as more people save up their waste for one big trip.

In order to offset some of the costs, the number of hours will be reduced at all sites which will close for two days a week.

Crewkerne Town Council will hold an extraordinary meeting this morning, Friday April 1st, at 9am to vote on whether to underwrite the risk of shortfall in income at the site to the sum of £10,000 maximum with a view to reducing the entrance fee to a possible £1.

At a previous extraordinary meeting last Thursday, a vote had already been taken not to commit to such an amount but it came to light afterwards that the members had not been given all the facts.

Councillor Jo Roundell Greene attended the scheduled town council meeting on Monday and clarified the issue, and the clerk asked for eight names so that the proposal could be revisited.

Everyone agreed that they were working in unknown territory and with the addition of the usage by small businesses, which would pay a fee for specific items, there could be enough coming in to cause reduction in the need for a higher fee for all, once the statistics were known. The centre is not allowed to make a profit by law.

Speaking at the first extraordinary meeting, Martin Pakes who had worked hard to get signatures on the petition, as a member of the Civic Society, said the people of Crewkerne would be subsidising other parishes including people from Dorset who used the tip, he suggested it would be neither fair nor legal to use town council money is such a way.

County Councillor John Dyke said: "With over 100,000 visits a year, local Lib Dems believe that it will be possible, at £1, to raise the £86,000 savings which the Crewkerne centre needs to generate.

Together with district councillor Angie Singleton he commented: "Obviously this is good news but why, oh why, did we have to fight so very hard to retain a facility which was used by the vast majority of our residents. As it is we regret that users will have to pay to do something which is clearly in the public interest. But at least the tip remains open and when the Lib Dems regain control of Somerset County Council, we will seek to put the Crewkerne tip on a par with all the others in the county."

Councillor Neil Sturtivant said that the Lib Dem controlled town council had given huge support to keep the Recycling Centre open. He particularly welcomed the amendment which allowed local councils to reduce the

■ USE IT OR LOSE IT: MP David Laws and local Lib Dems outside Crewkerne Recycling Centre

By Marion Draper

charge by underwriting the loss.

He said: "This clarifies the position enormously. When the town council met last week, it did not have the benefit of this amendment. Indeed we were unsure of what we could or could not do. I have therefore arranged a meeting of the town council this coming Friday to re-visit the issue - with a view to reducing the charge and asking the town council to underwrite any loss. Not that I think there will be any. The information I have from local residents suggests that the drop-off in visits if the charge were to be £1 or so will be very limited indeed."

Whatever the decision if the three month period does not work, the site will definitely close down.

● The new hours for Crewkerne from Monday, April 4th (with a charge) will be Mondays 8am-7pm, Tuesdays,Wednesdays and Saturdays 8am-4pm, and Sundays 8am-1pm and closed on Thursday and Friday. Chard hours will be the same except they will close on the Tuesday and Wednesday and be open on Thursday and Friday 8am-4pm when Crewkerne is closed.

## Crewkernenews

### Wind turbine

**A PLANNING** application to erect a 12 metre high wind turbine at the Old Dairy House in Dinnington, Hinton St George, has been withdrawn while further investigations into the noise levels are made.

The parish council raised no objection to the structure but environmental health officer Alasdair Bell said the data produced had failed to demonstrate that the estimated noise could meet the statutory requirements .

### Post office closure

**POST** Office Limited apologised for the sudden temporary closure of Crewkerne post office which users were surprised to find closed "due to unforeseen circumstances" last weekend.

A spokesman said: "We apologise to customers for the temporary closure of Crewkerne Post Office due to operational reasons. The branch reopened on Monday and is trading as usual."

### Easter flowers

**EASTER** flowers will be arranged it St Bartholomew's Church, Crewkerne, on Saturday, April 23rd from 9.30am.

Donations towards flowers in memory of loved ones would be greatly appreciated, please contact Heather Wyatt 01460 73330.

### Souper soup

**A SOUPER** soup event for Christian Aid, organised by Diane Bradley of Misterton in her own home on Friday March 26th, raised £210. Mrs Bradley would like to thank the 25 people who enjoyed a bowl of soup, sandwich and hot drink, for supporting the charity.

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## Government allocates money for potholes

SOMERSET County Council has good news for drivers, having announced that the Government is giving them an extra £5 million to carry out road repairs. The cash was announced in the Budget but details have only now been confirmed.

The authority has already repaired more than 23,000 potholes in the past year and the £5m extra funding will be used to improve road surfaces in targeted areas, helping to prevent more potholes.

Council Leader Ken Maddock said: "It is great that we have this extra money and I really hope motorists in Somerset soon notice the difference.

The two very cold and snowy winters definitely had an impact on the county's roads.

The extra money is welcome and a sign that the Government is listening when we ask for more cash for specific spending projects."

# Crewkerne fundraisers thanked for their support

By Marion Draper

CREWKERNE Friends of Cancer Research UK passed on their total donations for the last year of fundraising at their annual general meeting on Friday March 25th, held at the home of Simon and Robina Colledge who are chairman and honourary secretary respectively.

The total was a little down on last year at exactly £9,000 but still a very respectable sum, especially in the current climate and with the group already having had donations of £3,000 since February. They would like to thank the people of Crewkerne and the surrounding area who support their efforts.

Area Volunteer Manager Dawn Harrison attended the meeting to accept the cheque and update the group on what has been happening to the money they raise.

She said: "Cancer Research UK has had a very successful year in terms of our fight against cancer, with so many achievements of which we can all be extremely proud, especially Crewkerne Friends and the people of Crewkerne.

"We don't use the word 'breakthrough' very often but our research on the five-minute Flexi-Scope test, which will prevent thousands of deaths from bowel cancer every year, is perhaps our most important contribution in the fight against cancer this year. We are delighted that the Government has agreed that the test will become available as part of the national screening programme.

"We held our first - and very successful - Parliament Day this year. Over 70 Cancer Campaigns Ambassadors lobbied their MPs in Westminster and shared with them the crucial message that we must diagnose cancer earlier. Doing so could mean avoiding around 10,000 deaths from cancer every year. Our partnership with the Department of Health on the National Awareness and Early Diagnosis Initiative (NAEDI) will be vital to delivering better outcomes for thousands of patients.

"One of the areas where we have increased our funding is clinical trials. Over 28,000 patients - a record number are taking part in clinical trials - which help to develop new ways to prevent, diagnose and treat cancer.

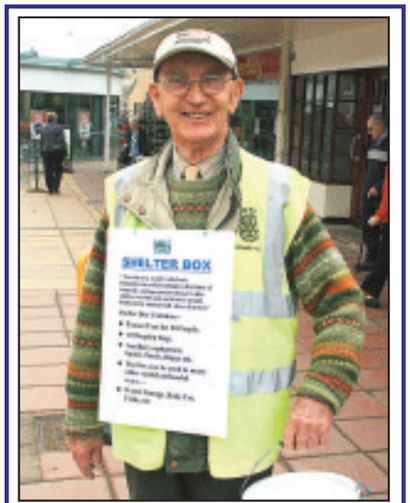
"For example. men in Yeovil can take part in a study aiming to track down the genes that can increase a man's risk of getting prostate cancer. This knowledge will help identify men who are at increased risk and could lead to new ways of preventing, diagnosing and treating the disease in the future.

"Also in Yeovil, women are being recruited to take part in a large-scale clinical trial called IBIS-II Prevention, which is investigating the use of a drug called anastrozole (Arimidex) to prevent breast cancer in post-menopausal women who are at an increased risk of the disease. This trial is the first time anastrozole has been tested as a way to prevent breast cancer. Over 100 clinical centres in 21 countries are recruiting women for IBIS-II, including more than 40 hospitals in the UK

"We have more potential lifesaving drugs in development than ever before. Cancer Research UK has been responsible for 19 out of the top 20 cancer drugs now being used. This would not have been possible without the continued help and support we receive from Crewkerne Friends, you are the ones that are making a difference."

If you would like to support Crewkerne Friends by helping with their activities please contact the Hon. Secretary Robina Colledge on 01460 75815.

■ **AIDING PROGRESS: Dawn Harrison Area Volunteer Manager accepts the donation from treasurer Joyce King on behalf of the Crewkerne friends of Cancer Research UK**



■ **CREWKERNE Rotary would like to thank the people of Crewkerne and surrounding areas for their donations to the Japanese Disaster fund. They held a collection on the street and at the community event last Saturday. The money raised, in excess of £220, will go towards another Shelter Box for Japan.**

**Crewkerne Rotarian Norman Powell is pictured collecting for Japan in Falkland Square.**

□ **VERY TASTY: Chef Dan Wakeman gets feedback from Monday diners at the Henhayes Community Centre**

HENHAYES Community Centre in Crewkerne have re-introduced lunchtime meals on Mondays for members and non- members to enjoy.

Qualified chef Dan Wakeman is working with the Henhayes Centre to launch the lunches which have been off the menu at the centre for a couple of years. On Monday a dozen people sat down to home-made soup or a ploughman's with a complimentary drink, members paid £3.50 and non-members £3.95. Comments were very positive and everyone said they enjoyed their meal.

On Monday April 4th, Dan will again be producing similar meals open to anyone in the community from 12.15 pm. The experiment will run for a further three weeks and if successful could continue through the summer.

The Henhayes Community Centre already provides meals for anyone in the community, on all other days of the week and an excellent meal can be booked up to 10.30 am, prepared by resident cook Caroline Parkman.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■ NURSES STATION: Visitors view the purpose built areas

# Huge interest in new community hospital

By Marion Draper

A HUGE crowd of over 900 people queued out of the front door and around the building of the new South Petherton Community Hospital for the start of their open day last Saturday.

Members of the hospital League of Friends were counting people in and signing up new members as they flocked to preview the £18m project.

NHS staff conducted guided tours throughout the day to explain the many new and improved facilities incorporated into the building and to take visitors into parts of the hospital which would normally be closed to public access.

One of the hospital's major features is 16 stroke rehabilitation beds. They will provide support to stroke patients from across South Somerset following discharge from district hospital and provide the necessary intensive rehabilitation to enable patients make a better recovery and return home or to residential or nursing care.

The first thing that struck everyone was the space, particularly in the entrance, first floor nurses station and the bedrooms. The beds and other equipment were not yet installed as they have to come into the next tax year but the one and two bed rooms all had en-suite shower rooms, sinks with automatic sensors to prevent the need to touch taps and balconies to promote better infection control and healthy fresh air.

The x-ray and ultra sound suites were the only rooms already fitted with state of the art equipment which will be linked directly to Yeovil hospital for instant results. The kitchen was also fitted with stainless steel surfaces and white plastic vinyl walls, no tiles and grout to harbour bacteria. The food will be mainly frozen, from the commercial branch of Wiltshire Farm Foods to allow a more varied menu for longer stay patients. Salads and fresh vegetables will be prepared and there will be a larder service out of hours for snack foods for anyone who misses a meal. The previous hospital kitchen staff will return to work there and a red tray system will operate as a quiet indication if a patient needs supervision when they eat.

Staff were involved at every stage of the planning to get the right balance of working environment and rehabilitation needs. A dining room and lounge area will be used to encourage people out of bed as much as possible and there is a room set aside as sanctuary for anyone who needs quiet space. A patient lift and rear entrance for staff will ensure patient privacy and staff will not be allowed to enter the building in their work clothes, they have to change as soon as they arrive.

Wendy Marshfield, NHS Somerset's South Petherton Hospital Project Director, said: "We were thrilled with the numbers of visitors who came to see the new hospital and feel we now have a facility ready to deliver 21st century standards of healthcare.

"The preview day was an opportunity to say thank you to local people and let them see for themselves what a wonderful new facility this is before it becomes fully operational. The success of the day was also down to the work of the hospital League of Friends. The League and the Celia Ratty Trust have funded enhancements to the fabric of the new building and their efforts have greatly helped the success of the whole scheme."

Art work was already on many of the walls, paintings of local scenes by artist Angie Rooke together with photographs of leaves, a joint project between Richard Tomlinson and South Petherton Youth Group. The TV system in the rooms will be entirely free, as will the parking.

Chairman of the South Petherton Hospital League of Friends, Mary Robertson, said: "We have worked closely with Somerset Primary Care Trust throughout the development of this new hospital and we are so thankful for the support shown by the whole community. We now have a new hospital and one which we can be proud of.

"May I thank all those who came to see the new hospital on Saturday and thank the wider community for their steadfast support."

The new South Petherton Hospital is on Bernard Way, which is immediately off Pitway Hill in South Petherton. The hospital is scheduled to receive its first patients in the week commencing Monday, June 6th.

■ X-RAY ROOM: Simon Corrick capital development officer for NHS Somerset gives a tour

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# What goes on in Crewkerne?

By Marion Draper

■ THE GREEN TEAM: David and Audrey Longman from Crewkerne gardening Club, promoting the flower show

■ INTERESTING SPEAKERS: Carole Chattaway, secretary of Crewkerne WI

FOR THE benefit of young and old alike, A Better Crewkerne and District held a community day at the Victoria Hall Crewkerne on Saturday to give clubs and community groups in the town the opportunity to showcase their activities.

The hall was busy for the first hour or two but numbers dwindled towards lunchtime.

The stands were very well laid out and very informative, many with DVD presentations and everyone had made a really good effort.

Some were promoting up and coming events, such as the Crewkerne Flower, Produce and Handicraft Show which will be held by Crewkerne Gardening Club in the Henhayes Centre, where schedules are available. The show will be on August 20th but now is the time for gardeners to be thinking about their entries and getting their plants in.

Crewkerne United Operatic and Theatrical Society were recruiting and promoting their next play, "Confusion" by Alan Aykborn.

Crewkerne and District Round Table were desperately seeking new members for their social club which has dwindled to only seven members. They had feared the Boxing Day Pram Race would suffer this year but said thanks to the help of the Crewkerne and District Rotary Club; they said they would have enough help this year. Although advertised as a club for men 18-45, the Round Table has many activities which involve their partners and families. Aside from the fundraising, they enjoy a wide range of outdoor pursuits including abseiling and rafting. Being a member is a good addition to a CV when seeking employment also.

Both Rotary Clubs serving Crewkerne and the villages were present, sharing their information and collecting for the Japan disaster. The newer club of the two has women among its membership.

Carol Chattaway, secretary of the Crewkerne branch of the Women's Institute had joined over four years ago after talking to the ladies at a similar event.

She said: "I needed to get to know people locally and talking to the ladies, it sounded interesting. We have some wonderful talks and go on outings; we are a very friendly bunch. We had a speaker from Bristol Blue Glass in February which was so fascinating, everyone wanted to go there, we only had the community bus which takes 15 and we could have easily had all 25 members wanting to go."

Misterton was very well represented with a stand coordinated by Diane Bradley of ABCD and Anne Downe who is in charge of the village magazine.

There were many other groups including Crewkerne Action for Disabled, Toc H, the Scouts and the arts group, all showing that Crewkerne has something going on for all ages and interests.

■ ESSENTIAL TRANSPORT: Mike Studley, Gerald Creech and Robin Heyde-Smith with the Crewkerne Volunteer Transport buses

■ COME AND JOIN US: chairman Paul Stabbins, president David James and incoming chairman Tim Hill from Crewkerne and District Round Table

■ BUSY VILLAGE: Paul Bradley, Anne and Roger Downe and Diane Bradley promoting Misterton

# Special horses for special children

■ RESULT: Nathan relaxes with mum

■ SIMPLE FUN: Lilias Ahmeira gives little

By Marion Draper

IN NOVEMBER *The Weekender* introduced readers to the mother of an autistic child in Wadeford, Lilia Ahmeira, who was learning the 'Horseboy' method of sensory therapy for children with the aim of setting up a new charity called Special Horses for Special Children.

Since then, work has been progressing to set up the specialist centre with gentle and tolerant horses and ponies being trained in dressage and basic circus skills such as standing on pedestals and see saws. Training sessions were given by the founder of the Horseboy Foundation, author Rupert Isaacson, and a member of his team from the USA.

Volunteers are still being sourced and trained and a list of people has been drawn up who can be called upon to help with a occasional morning or afternoon but more are needed. Free sessions were offered to local families during the setting up period, to help the volunteers practise their new skills which has been a learning experience for all concerned.

Local couple Cameron Merry and Jemma Squire visited one of the centre's free introductory sessions with their twins Thomas and Nathan who were born ten weeks early and suffer from severe delayed development. Thomas has chronic lung disease and Nathan has a form of sensory overload that can actually make touching or being touched physically painful.

Before their visit to the centre he had never wanted to get out of his cot. He responded well to the horses, reaching out to them and when on the back of Baron with his mother, he was so content she was able to change his nappy on the horse's back. On returning home the couple were able to put Nathan on the floor for the first time without him screaming and he rolled over and babbled happily just like any other baby. The boys saw their photos on the Special Horses Facebook page and pointed at the horses.

Cameron who is a teaching assistant at a special school, said they had been referred after the boys were assessed at Brainwave. He had been sceptical about the therapy but had noticed a change in the children, like Nathan allowing his trousers to be removed without a fuss and Thomas who was normally never still, being relaxed lying down on the horse. Thomas also enjoyed sitting up in the saddle of Mr Blue the pony.

Their elder brother, Ben, aged three, was also involved as an important part of the therapy is to help relax the whole family in what is often a tense atmosphere of constant hospital visits and upsets.

Lilias said it was a learning curve and the children had to find the horse that they click with and then always go to that same one. The emphasis of the therapy was more on contact and play, touching and smelling the horses, riding only coming further along.

Lilias said she has already seen some amazing changes in the children that have come to her, and wants the therapy to be available to all children with emotional or sensory issues but is still seeking the right avenue to get charitable status. Currently she is in negotiation with Riding for the Disabled who have been very supportive and endorse her work. To set up a charity on her own she would need a minimum of £5,000 which she cannot find at this stage with eight horses to feed and house.

Special Horses for Special Children is already registered with "We are now registered" with Somerset Council as an official carer so it can offer services to schools and local government bodies including the "Give it a Go" scheme, which means any child eligible for free school dinners can get £300 to spend on extra curricular activities.

■ TIME OUT FOR SIBLINGS: Ben tries his hand at circus riding

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# Footballers' lucky trip to Greenfylde

■ ROLE MODELS: U18 England players Joshua Hart, Josh White and Ed Baldy

■ SPECIAL ASSEMBLY : Half of the U18 ESFA squad with manager Andy Williams

By Marion Draper

GREENFYLDE Church of England First School in Ilminster had an extra special assembly last week when half of the Under 18s squad from the English Schools' Football Association joined them.

The team were playing against Wales at Yeovil Town Football Club later that day and dropped in for a presentation and question and answer session. The other half of the team went to Martock.

All the players were asked to sign their names so that their autographs could be copied in the school office to give to everyone.

The morale boosting school visit and the two pupils lucky enough to be mascots at the match, must have worked, as the team earned their first three points of the 2011 Centenary Shield when they beat Wales 1-0 in front of a crowd of over 6,000 that evening.

International team manager Andy Williams explained to the assembly how most of the boys in the squad had never met each other before, having been chosen from schools all over the country. He said: "One thing has brought us together and that is football, now we are like brothers in arms, we are a family."

He spoke of the importance of school and being a good person being more important than being a good footballer and explained that all the players had other subjects they were studying very hard. He emphasised to the young audience that just because football was a talent it did not mean other talents were any less important and whatever their talent was they should work hard at it.

Chairman of the selection committee, Dave Woollaston presented a pennant to the school which was accepted by the two pupils who had been randomly selected to be the match mascots -Taryn White and Jude White (no relation).

The nine footballers then split into three groups to go into the classrooms and answer questions.

The lads all introduced themselves and explained who they played for when not representing England. The classes had all written questions which varied from how long was a football match to what were their tactics for the game against Wales.

Mr Wollaston told the pupils how they had chosen the squad from over 200 boys who came for trials after being recommended, he added that you never knew who was watching you. He then commented on a big poster at the back of the class which said "Make a Friend Today" and thanked the children for making them all their friends.

■ THE RULE: Dave Woollaston chairman of the ESFA selection committee explains the offside rule using plant pots


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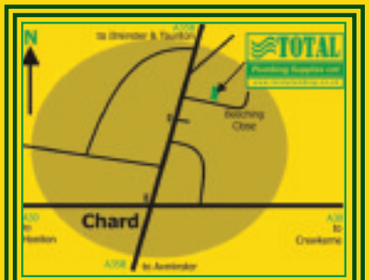


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# A new life in Ilminster

NEWLYWEDS Lee and Isabel Kerley are busy moving into their East Street 'fixer-upper' in Ilminster, having left behind their jobs and flat in Winchester to make a fresh start as self-employed people under the banner of Ilminster Garden Services.

They chose Ilminster because they loved the area, Isabel has family in North Curry and they said they wanted to be somewhere friendly, with real community spirit.

The couple are both experienced horticulturalists who worked together at the Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, where they met. They looked after 30 acres of everything from ponds to woodland, peat bogs to Japanese gardens but now want to specialise in eco consultancy, helping people make their gardens more wildlife friendly by using less chemicals utilising companion planting to control pests.

Lee said: "I designed and built a garden for Chelsea Flower Show in 2006 called Allelopathy, the study of companion planting and how one plant can affect another for the good or bad."

He had been a business to business sales negotiator for a big DIY chain and decided he needed a career change and went back to college at Sparsholt (where the BBC Radio Four Gardener's Question Time potting shed is located) before going to Hilliers.

Isabel also trained at Sparsholt after previously working as an administrator, always looking out of the window, longing to be outside. She said she has always tried to encourage native planting.

There was an education department where they worked before and they would often work with children with learning disabilities. Lee added that a young man with Asperger's had helped him plant trees and was amazed when he learned Lee grew up on a council estate, it gave them a dialogue that others close to the boy had not seen before.

The couple are very keen on being active members of the community and are already talking about a gardening club and trying to involve the youth club. Lee plays cricket and they are both beekeepers, although they may be looking for an alternative venue if their neighbours are not comfortable with the idea of bees next door.

They are delighted with their listed terraced cottage and have already unearthed an original path in the back garden. It was laid mainly to gravel but they said it is full of bindweed and ground elder. Lee said it was a common mistake people made, thinking gravel would be low maintenance when in fact such weeds find it easier to spread through with little resistance in the loose stones.

Isabel said she was keen to have an allotment but appreciated there was already a waiting list. They were both very interested to hear about the Eames Woodland project and the Ilminster Flower Show and said they would love to be involved.

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## 60 seconds

**PAUL STABBINS has two great passions in life, gardening and raising money for charity as a member of Crewkerne and District Round Table, a social club for men aged 18-45.**

**Born in Minehead, Paul came to the area when his father moved to Crewkerne as the local police sergeant.**

**Now Paul lives in the village of Kingstone, near Ilminster, and has been a self-employed gardener for 25 years and describes himself as a proper gardener who prunes a shrub rather than cutting it with a hedge cutter.**

**He used to be a member of Young Farmers and joined the Round Table with a friend after being introduced to it by Charles Swaffield. Currently the chairman of a dwindling group, he can't understand why others are not joining the club.**

**WHAT do you like about Round Table?**
It's a good social life, we get to do all sorts of things and then there is the charity aspect. I can't really put into words the feeling you get when you are handing a cheque over to someone who needs it.

**SO what do you do in Table?**
If I said we were just a bunch of blokes having a good time and raising a bit for charity it would sound a bit weak but we go potholing, microlighting, rifle shooting and, of course brewery visits.

We even have our own racing hovercraft which we take into any available field. We've also been sailing and play golf and we have speaker evenings too. Most people know we do the bonfire night firework display and the pram race on Boxing Day as well as the Father Christmas collections.

**HAVE you ever run in the pram race?**
You must be joking! I have a pathological fear of having a coronary in the middle of Market Street with everybody laughing at me. We have engineers in Table who do all the building but I'm happy to help out.

**HOW much money do you usually raise in a year?**
It's getting less, I'd say about £1,500 to £2,500 in the past it has been £3,000 or more.

**HOW do you decide which charities to support?**
Sometimes people send us letters or if a tabler hears of a charity we try to help out. We try to make it local but sometimes we support national ones as well.

**WHAT three things would you like on your desert island?**
Well if I couldn't have my wife; I would like a crate of real ale - Firsty Ferret is my favourite; a good book, by Ken Follet preferably; and a fishing rod. That paints a pretty nice picture doesn't it.

**WHY did you become a gardener?**
I have an insatiable appetite for gardening; I love the way it constantly changes, particularly herbaceous plants.

I love seeing how everything matures and comes together, and I love the challenge. My hours are all over the place but I like the variety, there is no such thing as a Monday morning for me. I love working in my own garden too.

**HOW'S your back?**
I do go to a chiropractor every five years or so and she sorts me out, but I don't think that's because of my job.

The thing is I don't garden all day every day, the jobs vary. If I was just putting down patios all day every day then I am sure my back would suffer but I might be doing that for a couple of days then some pruning or painting. I love the variety.

**YOU have to leave Round Table when you are 45, what then?**
There is a new Rotary Club which is looking very promising and some Tablers have gone to them, personally I might take time out and play a bit more golf and then perhaps join the Rotary.

**WHAT do you think is stopping new blood joining Table?**
I find it hard to believe that there are people that still don't know about us but there are.

I think the biggest problem is apathy, they say they haven't got enough time but we could all say that. There are some that might be into football or rugby and the days clash with their practises. At the moment we meet on every first, third and fifth Tuesday of the month but I am sure if there was enough interest in a Monday instead ,we could change.

**IF you could meet anyone who would it be?**
Prince Charles, I'd like to spend a day working with him or him working with me, I've got a lot of admiration for the man. His style of gardening is my style, I have had the good fortune to see his garden and the layout is what I would choose.

Maybe he could sway me towards organic gardening but I still find it easier to use a handful of Growmore than a bucket full of manure that you will be picking the weeds out of forever and a day.

**WHAT would you do if you won the lottery?**
I'd probably travel the world with my wife, I'd love to see the birdlife in Australia and I've only done bits of Europe. Prague was very nice and Brussels and Majorca.

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By Marion Draper

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Anwen Hoskyns showed the children around the centre, answering their many questions and showed them how to make a nice display to attract customers, using plants in pots and small garden ornaments.

The children said they enjoyed planting beans in pots which they took back to school and gently stroking the goslings in their special enclosure.

SOMETHING FOR LATER: Runner beans to take back to school

SIGNS OF SPRING: The children meet goslings

## Easter holiday activities at Chard Guildhall

WITH CRESTA being closed for refurbishment, Chard Town Council have arranged for some school holiday activities to be provided at the Guildhall in Chard by the not-for-profit organisation "Active Learning and Skills".

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The programme builds on the existing Fun Time Friday evening sessions for the age group, that take place from 6-8pm at the Young People's Centre in Chard.

Pete May, of Active Learning & Skills said: "It's great that the town council has created this exciting opportunity for children in the Chard area. If the events are well-attended, we'd hope to provide more activity days in future school holidays."

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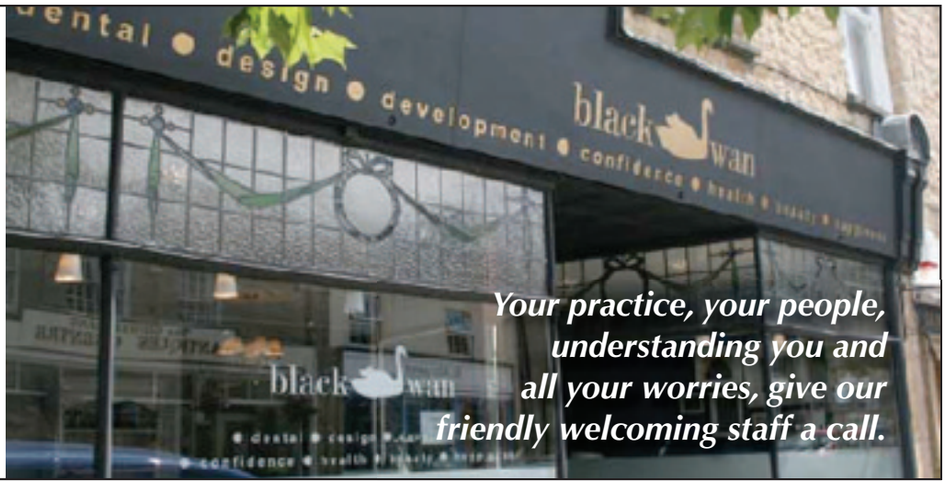


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## What's Happening at Ilminster Arts Centre

*by Sara Loveridge*

OUR **Spring Open Exhibition** runs until April 16th. This year we had a bumper number of entries making selection tough for the judges. Congratulations to Kay Lewis-Bell who won the top £500 Branston Art Award.

We've had a fantastic response from artists who have donated work for the **12x12 Auction** which will raise funds for the arts centre.The exhibition starts on Monday 18th and the ticketed live Auction takes place on Saturday 30th.

Described as a 'hidden treasure of the UK jazz scene' by The Guardian, pianist **John Law** brings his new **Opt Trio** to us on Friday 1st. In contrast to his Art of Sound Trio, which plays his own compositions, this new standards-based trio explores the area of playing other people's tunes. With highly skilled musicians Tom Farmer on Bass and Asaf Sirkis on drums, expect a classic jazz piano trio sound and a great night out!

We host one of the world's top tenor sax players and probably the best lyrical, melodic clarinettist **Ken Peplowski** Saturday 23rd. Later in the month he heads the Norwich Jazz Party, the premier annual UK Jazz Festival. Don't miss your chance to see him with the **Craig Milverton Trio** here in Ilminster!

**Kirsty McGee** has a style that incorporates folk, jazz, chanson and Americana yet defies categorisation. She has twice been nominated for BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards and will be performing at IAC on Friday 29th.

Treat yourself to some 'me' time at the **Retail Therapy Fashion Show** on Wednesday 13th. With new outfits for day and evening wear on show and a chance to buy clothes and accessories it is the ultimate ladies night out.

Our monthly **Local Craft and Produce Market** on Saturday 2nd is a great way to support quality local makers and producers, while the **Table-top Sale** on Saturday 9th will be the place to pick up a bargain. So come along to both and have a browse.

Bring the family along to the **Drumming Circle** on Saturday 30th. Have fun playing African Djembe drums and other percussion instruments from around the world. For Easter opening times please contact the arts centre.

***Ilminster Arts Centre at The Meeting House, East Street, Ilminster. TA19 0AN. Box Office: 01460 54973. Information: 01460 55783. www.themeetinghouse.org.uk.***

**Going Out** Gigs

## *Sandi set to rock the Electric Palace*

IN 2006 Sandi Thom's infamous debut single 'I Wish I Was A Punk Rocker' topped the charts in seven countries with the ensuing album 'Smile...It Confuses People' shifting nearly two million copies to date worldwide.

After spending the last four years touring the globe alongside her incredible live band, Spring 2011 will see Sandi Thom take to the long winding roads of the UK once again to perform at some of the UK's most loved intimate venues including the Electric Palace in Bridport on Tuesday, April 5th.

Thom's set will include tracks from her new album "Merchants & Thieves", which also features blues legend Joe Bonamassa, and was released in May, topping the UK iTunes Blues Chart and the top 5 of the respective U.S. Chart. The album showcases a new sound from Sandi Thom, bringing to light her passion for the blues.

Tickets are on sale for £15 from Bridport Tourist Information Centre either in person or on 01308 424901. Doors open 7.30pm with the show starting at 8.30pm.

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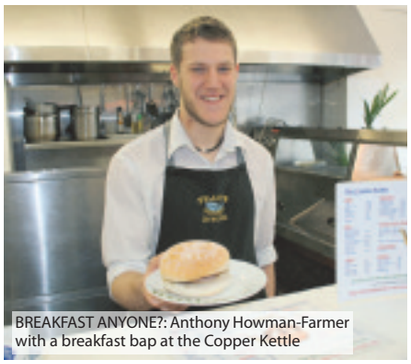
Monday seems to be a late starter for people so they are running from 3-8.30pm,Tuesday - Thursday they are 9am-8.30pm and Friday 9am-9pm. Saturday is the early start with the fry ups ready from 7.30am to catch the market traders and going through to 9pm.

Anthony Howman-Farmer said they are proving gradually more popular and they think the times are working out now. The Copper Kettle has plenty of tables with seating in the back to give busy people somewhere to rest up and store up on a good all day breakfast.



BREAKFAST ANYONE?: Anthony Howman-Farmer with a breakfast bap at the Copper Kettle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• £20 Oasis Voucher
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(Saves £1 per visit)

* NB Creche is only open term times Mon, Tue, Thurs, Fri 10-3pm)
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# weekenderlife

## weekenderlife DIARY DATES

**FRIDAY APRIL 1ST**
**CREWKERNE:** Crewkerne and District Twinning Association Twin Supper at St Bartholomew's Church Hall. £8 per person. 7pm for 7.30pm. Please book on 01460 75025 - all welcome.

**SATURDAY APRIL 2ND**
**SOUTH PETHERTON:** Spring Sale at the Methodist Church, from 10am-12noon. Free entry. Lots of well-stocked stalls. Refreshments available.
**CHARD:** Vinyl Record Spring Sale at Chard Guildhall from 9am - 12.30pm. Telephone 07990938198 for more details.
**ILMINSTER:** Massive Jumble Sale at Greenfylde First School from 9.30am - 1pm. Telephone 01460 54581 for more details.
**CREWKERNE:** Coffee Morning at The Henhayes Community Centre. Filter coffee/cake £1.60. 10 -12noon. Ring 01460 74340.
**BARRINGTON:** Family Easter Bingo at Barrington Village Hall. Doors open 3pm, eyes down 3.30pm, finishing 5pm. Cost of bingo books are £1 each or purchase - 6 books for £5. Refreshments available, also a raffle. All proceeds in aid of St Mary's Pre-school
**CREWKERNE:** Easter Coffee Morning at the Crewkerne and District Museum and Heritage Centre. 10am - 12noon. All welcome.
**DONYATT:** 50p Bazaar at Donyatt Village Hall. All items 50p, including refreshments. Admission 50p by raffle ticket, drawn every 25 tickets. Books, clothes, toys, china, household, sport, leisure, garden items - even furniture! From 11am. Telephone 01460 53037 for more details.

**MONDAY APRIL 4TH**
**SEAVINGTON:** Neroche DFAS next meeting 'Britain with Betjeman' presented by John E Vigar, who will comment on his writings and opinions discussing Architecture and history and placing his thoughts in a sociological context. Visitors are welcome at a cost of £3 per non member. Telephone 01460 239670 for more details.
**ILMINSTER:** Ilminster Forum AGM at the Shrubbery Hotel from 6.30pm.
**CREWKERNE:** Lunch at Henhayes Community Centre from 12.30pm. Ploughmans's/drink £3.95 or home-made soup/roll/drink £3.95. Licensed bar open. Need to book by 10.30am or prior by calling 01460 74340.

**TUESDAY APRIL 5TH**
**CREWKERNE:** Social Group for older citizens. Get out and enjoy meeting people. Transport available. 2 course lunch £5.50 with tea/coffee. Bar open. Telephone 01460 74340 for more details.

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 6TH**
**CREWKERNE:** Folk Music Club at the Kings Arms from 8-10pm. Come and play acoustic instruments, sing, recite poetry or just listen. Telephone 01460 271541 for more details.
**CREWKERNE:** Bingo at Henhayes Community Centre from 2-4pm. Telephone 01460 74340 for more details.
**CLAPTON:** Sew, Knit and Natter at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall from 10.30am. All welcome, telephone 01460 72837 for more details.

**THURSDAY APRIL 7TH**
**CREWKERNE:** Over 50s Keep Fit. Not too serious but good for your! Telephone 01460 74340 for more details.
**CLAPTON:** C&W Film Society shoing 'I served the King of England' from 8pm at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Refreshments/door from 7.30pm. New members always welcome. Telephone 01460 74849 or 77062 for more details.

**FRIDAY APRIL 8TH**
**CLAPTON:** Luncheon Club at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Midday for 12.30pm start. All welcome by please book by calling 01460 77057.
**CLAPTON:** Family Bingo at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Exciting prizes for all ages, raffle, tea/coffee and biscuits available. Transport can be arranged; to book and for more details call 01460 72057.
**ILMINSTER:** Soul Mates Singles Night at the Shrubbery Hotel from 8.30pm - 1am. Telphone 01460 52108 for more details.

**SATURDAY APRIL 9TH**
**HINTON ST GEORGE:** 'Flix in the Stixx' present *Made In Dagenham* at the Village Hall from 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance at the Village Shop, Dorothy's Tearoom. Tickets £5.50 on the door. Telephone 01460 72906.
**MERRIOTT:** Coffee Morning with craft stalls at Merriott Village Hall from 10am - 1pm. Telephone 01460 74504 for more details.
**CREWKERNE:** Rotary Club of Crewkerne will be conducting FREE blood pressure checks for the public at the Henhayes Centre between 9am and midday. An opportunity to have your blood pressure checked by a professional nurse or doctor and receive advice if required.

**SUNDAY APRIL 10TH**
**BROADWAY:** Music in Springtim: Isle Abbots Singers, Chard Meeting Voices Community Choir, Junction 25 'Conertina Ban' at Broadway Village Hall from 3pm. Telephone 01460 55610 for more details.
**CREWKERNE:** Support St Margaret's Hospice and join us for Sunday Lunch and Showtime from 12.15pm at The Tithe Barn, Haselbury Mill, Nr Crewkerne. Enjoy a delicious 2 course carvery lunch with coffee followed by 'Showtime' with the Castaway Theatre group. Tickets £18.00 available from St Margaret's Fundraising Office tel 0845 345 9671

**TUESDAY APRIL 12TH**
**MERRIOTT:** Easter Bingo at the tithe Barn. Doors open 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Telephone 01460 72704 for more details.

**FRIDAY APRIL 15TH**
**TATWORTH:** Film: 'From Time To Time' shown at Tatworth Memorial Hall, organised by T&F Movies. Doors open 7.30pm for 8pm start. Telephone 01460 220198 for more details.

**SATURDAY APRIL 16TH**
**CREWKERNE:** Plant Hunters Fair organised by somerset group of Plant Heritage (NCCPG) at Lower Severalls Nursery. Around 25 nurseries from the South West attending. Home made refreshments available. Telephone 01460 73234 for more details.
**CLAPTON:** Quiz & Supper Evening from 7pm prompt at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall. All welcome. Entrance £6.50 to include supper. Bar, raffle, prize for winning team. For more details or to book call 01460 75380.
**CREWKERNE:** Table Top Sale at Henhayes Community Centre, South Street Car Park. 9am - 12.30pm (sellers from 8.30am). Refreshments available. Raffle. Telephone 01460 271541 for more details.

**MONDAY APRIL 18TH**
**CHARD:** Chard Museum re-opens 10.30am - 4.30pm Mon-Fri, and 10.30am - 1pm Saturdays.

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**South Somerset Diary Dates** *listings form*

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**WE ARE UNABLE TO TAKE DIARY DATES LISTINGS OVER THE PHONE**
**Deadline for postal / e-mail entries is Wednesday, 12noon**

## Going Out Film

# This week's new releases

**SOURCE CODE 12A**
ACTION thriller ***Source Code*** centres on Colter Stevens (Jake Gyllenhall), a soldier who wakes up in the body of an unknown man and discovers he's part of a mission to find the bomber of a Chicago commuter train.

An intelligent and well-paced thriller, Source Code is not to be missed.

**HOP U**
BLENDING state-of-the-art animation with live action, ***Hop*** tells the comic tale of Fred, an out-of-work slacker who accidentally injures E.B. (voiced by Russell Brand), the Easter Bunny's son who has headed to Hollywood to become a rock 'n' roll drummer, and must take him in as he recovers. As Fred struggles with the world's worst house guest, both will learn what it takes to finally grow up

**KILLING BONO 15**
IN hilarious comedy ***Killing Bono***, two brothers attempt to become global rock stars but can only look on as old school friends U2 become the biggest band in the world.

**SUCKER PUNCH 12A**
A YOUNG girl, Baby Doll (played by Emily Browning), is locked away in a mental asylum by her abusive stepfather (Gerard Plunkett) where she will undergo a lobotomy in five days time. Faced with unimaginable odds, she retreats to a fantastical world in her imagination where she and four other female inmates at the asylum plot to escape the facility. The lines between reality and fantasy blur as Baby Doll and her companions fight to retrieve the five items they need that will allow them to break free from their captors before it's too late...

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Every other Wednesday, next meeting 13th April.
10:30am - 12:30pm
**MEMORY CAFE**
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Every Wednesday 7.30pm - 9.15pm
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Saturday 9th April 10.00 am - 11.00 am
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**Friday, April 1st - Thursday, April 7th**
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Plus Sat & Sun: 12.40, 14.40
**Gnomeo and Juliet *in 2D* U**
Sat & Sun: 11.45
**Hop U**
Daily: 15.00, 16.30, 1730, 19.00, 20.00
Plus Sat & Sun: 10.15, 11.30, 12.30, 14.00
**Limitless 15**
Daily: 15.30, 18.00, 20.40
Plus Sat & Sun: 13.00
**Mars Needs Mums *in 2D* PG**
Sat & Sun: 11.00
**Mars Needs Mums *in 3D* PG**
Sat & Sun: 13.15, 15.50, 18.20
**Paul 15**
Fri, Mon-Thu: 15.40, 17.50, 20.30, Sat & Sun: 20.30 only
**Rango PG**
Sat & Sun: 10.50
**Source Code 12A**
Daily: 16.10, 18.30, 21.00
**Sucker Punch 12A**
Fri, Wed, Thu: 17.40, 18.40, 20.20, 21.20
Sat & Sun: 12.15, 14.50, 17.40, 18.40, 20.20, 21.20
Mon, Tue: 18.40, 20.20, 21.20
**The Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader PG**
Sat & Sun: 10.30
**The Eagle 12A**
Daily: 15.50, 18.30, 21.00
Plus Sat & Sun: 12.50
**Unknown 12A**
Daily: 21.10

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**The Eagle 12A**
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**Battle: Los Angeles 12A**
Daily: 18.40, 21.15
**A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures *in 2D* U**
Daily: 14.30, 16.30
**A Turtle's Tale: Sammy's Adventures *in 3D* U**
Daily: 12.30,
Plus Sat & Sun: 10.30am
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**Anuvahood 15**
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Sat & Sun: 12.40
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Sat & Sun: 10.40
**Hop 15**
Daily: 12.50, 13.50, 15.10, 16.10, 17.30, 18.30, 19.45
Plus Sat & Sun: 10.30, 11.30
**Killing Bono 15**
Daily: 13.15, 16.00, 19.00, 21.30
**Source Code 12A**
Daily: 14.00, 16.20, 18.40, 21.00
Plus Sun: 11.40
**Foo Fighters: Back & Forth (with band performance) 12A**
Thu: 20.00
**Sucker Punch 12A**
Daily: 12.40, 15.30, 18.15, 21.15
**Rango PG**
Fri-Sun: 12.30, 15.00, 17.30
Wed: 12.30, 15.00, 17.30, 20.00
**Paul 15**
Daily: 20.45
**Gnomeo & Juliet *in 2D* U**
Sat & Sun: 10.30, 12.40
**Megamind *in 2D* PG**
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**Despicable Me *in 2D* U** Sat: 10.10
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**The King's Speech 12A** Wed: 14.40

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# Food *with Richard Coles*

email: rgcoles@me.com

Many happy memories are mine when it comes to my Nan's cooking. 'Back in the day', Granddad used to run a fairly large business, Nan would prepare meals for the hungry chaps; and although it was a much smaller concern in my lifetime, I have wonderful childhood flashbacks of walking around Gateway (as it was) in Crewkerne looking for 'something for the men's dinner'. Unsurprisingly, therefore, Nan had a range of kitchen equipment to meet the task head on, and while she often asks whether I'd like her Irish Coffee Glasses, in reality she has already passed onto me one of the best things to move down the generations - her old Kenwood Chef.

Yes, it's a bit rough around the edges, but I am totally and utterly bowled over with my hand-me-down. For despite looking like it's destined for a National Trust kitchen, and despite having some wiring cunningly, and imaginatively, fixed by my uncle, Nan's Kenwood Chef has received new life in my kitchen. It may be far too old, but it is certainly far too useful to chuck away.

Kenwood Chefs are kitchen miracles. Hand whisks are useful, food processors are handy, bread makers are statements, but nothing beats the hardiness, power and capacity of this most superb kitchen aid.

So what is the point of today's monologue? I can assure you that the moral of this tale is not go out and buy a brand new Kenwood Chef. If you did, you certainly won't be disappointed, but you might need to remortgage the house. They cost a fortune, even if they are very, very good. Rather, if like me you've got a Nan - or similar - who spends her time trying to give away pre-loved kitchen equipment she used to use but now sit redundant, take a look. Over my eight years of marriage, I've been given three of these beauties so I'm confident there are many more out there just longing to be given away.

You see, huge supermarkets, pound shops and every other commercial venture in between have increased choice but, on average, decreased quality. I don't mean that everything is rubbish, but it is true that there are a lot of cheap bits and pieces out there, and especially electrical stuff, that is not built to last. And it doesn't. Meanwhile your granny, great aunt or mother might be longing to off-load all their old superior gear to you for a second wind.

Please don't go around your relatives house's looking for freebies, but don't dismiss those things for the kitchen you get offered. I used to, but over the years have realised the lesson to be learnt in the fact that if that Kenwood has lasted 40 years already, then there's probably still some good in it. Will you be passing on the Cookworks blender to your kids in 2051? I doubt it. Let's not see all that great kitchen stuff slung in a skip while we replace it with less powerful, less useful junk. Look out for the Kenwoods - for there might be another generation of classic Victoria sponges ready to come out of them. That's exactly what mine was used for last Sunday - and my diabetic Nan tucked into a good slice with buttercream. Typical. But satisfying.


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"We must ensure that the C30 Electric performs as intended when driving, parking and charging in a variety of conditions, from normal to very cold or hot. Northern Sweden is the perfect place to do sub-zero temperature testing," says Lennart Stegland, director of Volvo Cars' Special Vehicles.

***The Volvo C30 Electric is equipped with three climate systems:***

- One supplies the passengers with heating or cooling.
- One cools or warms the battery pack as necessary.
- The electric motor and power electronics are water-cooled.

**Bio-ethanol powered heater**

The C30 Electric has a innovative solution that makes it possible to get comfortable heating in cold winter conditions without compromising the battery driving range.

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It is also possible to run the climate unit on electricity from the batteries. In electric mode an immersion heater warms up the coolant in the climate unit.

"The driver can program and control the climate unit to suit the trip. Ethanol is the default mode that is used when the battery capacity is needed for driving, extending mobility to its maximum. However, on shorter distances electricity can be used to power the climate system," explains Lennart Stegland.

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# STREET SCENE

HOWARD LARCOMBE
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reporting on the
Perry Street League

# RIVALS' STALEMATE MEANS TITLE IS PETHERTON'S TO LOSE

WHILST Premier Division title rivals Lyme Regis and Beaminster were slugging out a 1-1 draw at the Davey Fort two goals from defender James Cattigan helped South Petherton take full advantage.

Pethy slipped behind to a Dan O'Connor strike against Combe Reserves at Lightgate Lane. But Cattigan's double and singles from Paul Dexter and Jon Hayter took the table toppers five points clear and looking good for their fourth title in six years.

With seven games remaining Gordon Childs' team do however face six matches away from their own Lightgate Lane.

Pethy visit Perry Street tomorrow

At the other end of the table a second-half hat-trick from Nick Bond in a 4-1 win over fellow strugglers Misterton may just reignite West & Middle Chinnock's survival hopes. The Chinnocks' travel to the coast to take on Lyme Regis tomorrow.

Assuming it will be the traditional 'two-up-two-down' format there now appears to be a straight five horse race to avoid the drop.

Despite their loss at South Petherton Combe Reserves' recent up-turn in form (WWWWDL) leaves them in good shape ahead of tomorrow's visit by Ilminster Reserves.

All of Barrington's remaining five games are at home but they will need to break a winless run stretching back to November if they are to avoid the drop into Division One. The Yellow Hammers face troubled Merriott Rovers tomorrow.

**DIVISION ONE**

THE promotion chasing group was effectively cut to three with top-of-the-table Crewkerne Town ending Netherbury's Premier division aspirations with a 4-0 victory.

The Tigers, with skipper Jamie Spurdle notching his 22nd goal of the campaign, look well placed to make another stride towards the title tomorrow when anything other than a win at Thorncombe will be a major surprise.

Winsham United, leaders for so long, remain third after Henry Broome scored four times in an 8-0 away-day hammering of Perry Street Reserves.

The Winsh face one of the key games of the season tomorrow when they visit second-placed Millwey Rise. The Devonians are still very much in the hunt after crushing relegation-threatened Norton 7-1.

Forton Rangers, destined for yet another mid-table finish, take on Netherbury.

**DIVISION TWO**

HINTON'S promotion hopes look to be over after they were beaten 5-2 at Hawkchurch - the Saints entertain bottom-of-the table Forton Reserves tomorrow.

Meanwhile Crewkerne Rangers' alarming slide has taken the team to fringe of the Division Two relegation places.

The Rangers have shipped 28 goals in six matches in which they've failed to net once themselves and will look to end a nine-game losing run when they entertain Hawkchurch at Wadham School.

Chard Rangers, still striving to beat the drop, entertain Uplyme at Jocelyn Park for the second time in a fortnight.

## Four cups for Shepton Beauchamp?

**DIVISION THREE**

LUSO-Chard's 4-4 draw at Winsham United Reserves did league leaders Crewkerne Town Reserves a huge favour.

Marco Quedas took his tally to 34 with a double for Luso but Misterton Reserves appear to be the only side of overhauling the Tigers.

But a huge fixture backlog for Adge Diment's team could prove too high a hurdle.

Crewkerne could put a dent in Chard United's hopes of a return to Division Two at Henhayes tomorrow.

Such a result would help Luso-Chard's cause; the Portuguese team must be targetting three points from tomorrow's visit by Farway United Reserves who failed to raise a side and handed Beaminster Reserves a walkover into the semi-finals of the Daisy Hutchings cup last weekend.

Meanwhile, a late Jimmy Rees goal gave South Petherton Reserves all three points in a 3-2 win in the mid-table clash at Uplyme.

Combe A could put a nail in Millwey Rise Reserves' relegation coffin when the two sides meet at Slades Cross.

Meanwhile Winsham United Reserves, now sitting comfortably in mid-table, entertain lowly Drimpton at Baker's Field.

**DIVISION FOUR**

FREE-Scoring West & Middle Chinnock Reserves took their tally to 21 goals in a week with Paul Hooper and Dan Rudge both scoring hat-tricks in a 9-1 mauling of Chard Rangers Reserves.

Rudge and strike-partner Ashley Cooper are now far and away the most prolific duo in the PSL with a combined tally of 60 (30 each) already.

The Chinnocks could find life a little tougher tomorrow when they entertain Ilminster A, fresh from an impressive 7-1 drubbing of Shepton Reserves. Luke Lazenby bagged a hat-trick for the Blues.

A James Johnson goal will have also pleased the Chinnocks (and Hinton) as Waytown surprisingly went down 1-0 at Thorncombe Reserves.

Chard Rangers Reserves must be on their guard to avoid a repeat of their 9-1 scoreline last time out as they face a possible Hounds' backlash at Netherbury tomorrow.

**CUPS ROUND-UP**

GOALS from Dan Smith and Kris Hastings in a 2-1 Daisy Hutchings Cup quarter-final win over Dowlish & Donyatt ensured Shepton Beauchamp's dreams of a remarkable quadruple remain firmly on track.

Shepton visit South Petherton Reserves tomorrow with a place in the Jack Venn Cup Final the prize for the winners.

The other Venn semi-final is too close to call with Dowlish & Donyatt visiting-Beaminster Reserves tomorrow.

A double from top-scorer Ricky Smith couldn't save Misterton Reserves from a 4-2 defeat in the Daisy Hutchings Cup second round tie at Combe A. Nathan Finn (2) with his first PSL goals and 20-goal top-scorer Warren Gabbidon (2) scored for the Saints.

◆ Last night Perry Street were bidding to win the Coronation Cup for the first time in 40-years when they took on Lyme Regis under the floodlights at Bridport's St Mary's Ground (report next week).

■ **ON HAND ON THE TROPHY?: South Petherton (pictured before the recent Challenge cup tie with Lyme Regis) are now clear favourites to land their sixth Premier Division title. line-up, back row from left; Lee Holt, Mike Gilyatt, Danny Rendall, Dean Rotchie, Jardine Mackenzie, Leigh Bailey, Gordon Childs (player-manager). Front; Dean Smith, Lee Richards, Paul Holt, Rich Hebditch, James Cattigan, Jason Behan, Kieran Murray.**
***Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE***

## THE WEEKEND'S FIXTURES LIST

Saturday, April 2nd
(All games 2.30 ko unless stated)

**JACK VENN CUP – Semi-Finals**
Beaminster Res v Dowlish & Don
South Peth Res v Shepton Beau

**PREMIER**
Barrington v Merriott Rovers
Combe Reserves v Ilminster Res
Farway United v Beaminster
Lyme Regis v W & M Chinnock (2pm)
Perry Street v South Petherton

**DIVISION ONE**
Charmouth v Perry St Reserves
Forton Rangers v Netherbury
Millwey Rise v Winsham United
Thorncombe v Crewkerne Town
Lyme Regis Res v Ilminster Colts (4.15pm)

**DIVISION TWO**
Chard Rangers v Uplyme
Crewk Rangers v Hawkchurch
Hinton v Forton Rangers Res

**DIVISION THREE**
Combe A v Millwey Reserves
Crewkerne Res v Chard Utd
Luso-Chard v Farway United Res
Winsham Utd Res v Drimpton

**DIVISION FOUR**
Hawkchurch Res v Barringtn Res
Shepton Beau Res v Combe B
Waytown v Chard Rangers Res
W & M Chinnock Res v Ilm A

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### Updated Cup draws

**Dorset Intermediate Final**; Beaminster v Lyme Regis (at Bridport, Thursday, April 14th kick-off 7.45pm).
**Arthur Gage Final**; Winsham United v Netherbury (at Axminster date/time tbc).
**Kenny Hodges Final;** Waytown Hounds v Combe B (at date/venue tbc).
**Daisy Hutchings semi-finals;** Combe A v Beaminster Res, Shepton Beauchamp v South Petherton Res or Crewkerne Town Res.
**Crewkerne Charity Cup Final;** Lyme Regis v South Petherton (at Crewkerne, Monday, April 25th 2pm).

### League tables

| PREMIER | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| South Petherton | 13 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 63 | 13 | 37 |
| Beaminster | 13 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 40 | 11 | 32 |
| Merriott Rovers | 15 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 46 | 32 | 29 |
| Lyme Regis | 12 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 33 | 13 | 27 |
| Ilminster Reserves | 12 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 27 | 31 | 21 |
| Farway United | 12 | 5 | 2 | 5 | 34 | 29 | 17 |
| Perry Street | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 21 | 30 | 12 |
| Combe Reserves | 16 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 25 | 47 | 11 |
| Barrington | 15 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 28 | 53 | 10 |
| Misterton | 14 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 25 | 51 | 10 |
| W & M Chinnock | 14 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 24 | 48 | 9 |

| DIV ONE | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Crewkerne Town | 14 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 72 | 15 | 37 |
| Millwey Rise | 14 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 71 | 18 | 35 |
| Winsham United | 14 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 48 | 16 | 33 |
| Netherbury | 13 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 36 | 28 | 27 |
| Forton Rangers | 15 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 38 | 37 | 26 |
| Perry Street Reserves | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 25 | 47 | 16 |
| Ilminster Town Colts | 16 | 5 | 1 | 10 | 33 | 57 | 16 |
| Norton Athletic | 18 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 27 | 61 | 16 |
| Thorncombe | 16 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 26 | 49 | 13 |
| Lyme Regis Reserves | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 24 | 35 | 12 |
| Charmouth | 15 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 18 | 55 | 6 |

| DIV TWO | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Shepton Beauchamp | 14 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 47 | 11 | 32 |
| Dowlish & Donyatt | 16 | 10 | 1 | 5 | 47 | 25 | 31 |
| Beaminster Reserves | 13 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 49 | 20 | 30 |
| Hinton Reserves | 15 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 39 | 37 | 24 |
| South Petherton Res | 17 | 7 | 3 | 7 | 38 | 38 | 24 |
| Uplyme | 14 | 5 | 2 | 7 | 47 | 37 | 17 |
| Hawkchurch United | 15 | 5 | 2 | 8 | 35 | 45 | 17 |
| Crewkerne Rangers | 16 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 33 | 51 | 17 |
| Pymore | 12 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 25 | 39 | 14 |
| Chard Rangers | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 32 | 53 | 12 |
| Forton Rangers Res | 14 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 24 | 60 | 8 |

| DIV THREE | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Crewkerne Town Res | 14 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 63 | 25 | 34 |
| Luso-Chard | 15 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 61 | 32 | 26 |
| Chard United | 14 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 42 | 25 | 26 |
| Misterton Reserves | 10 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 41 | 20 | 25 |
| Combe A | 16 | 7 | 2 | 7 | 40 | 41 | 23 |
| Winsham United Res | 14 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 45 | 50 | 18 |
| Farway United Res | 13 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 20 | 55 | 12 |
| Drimpton | 14 | 3 | 3 | 8 | 20 | 59 | 12 |
| Lyme Regis Bantams | 15 | 3 | 2 | 10 | 27 | 39 | 11 |
| Millwey Rise Res | 13 | 2 | 3 | 8 | 25 | 38 | 9 |

| DIV FOUR | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Hinton Reserves | 15 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 52 | 21 | 38 |
| W & M Chinnock Res | 14 | 11 | 1 | 2 | 89 | 24 | 34 |
| Waytown Hounds | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 36 | 22 | 25 |
| Chard United Res | 14 | 7 | 1 | 6 | 37 | 37 | 22 |
| Shepton Beau Res | 15 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 40 | 46 | 21* |
| Combe B | 15 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 39 | 45 | 21 |
| Thorncombe Res | 16 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 24 | 43 | 18 |
| Ilminster Town A | 13 | 6 | 0 | 7 | 47 | 32 | 17* |
| Barrington Res | 13 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 33 | 38 | 13* |
| Hawkchurch Utd Res | 17 | 2 | 3 | 12 | 24 | 75 | 9 |
| Chard Rangers Res | 16 | 2 | 2 | 12 | 24 | 62 | 8 |

(* = POINT DEDUCTED)

### Top scorers

***PREMIER**: Julien Simier (Lyme Regis) 19, Scott Jennings (Ilminster Res, 16 for Merriott) 17, Jon Hayter (South Petherton) 15.*
***DIVISION ONE**: Sam Dibling (Millwey Rise) 26, Tim Hussey (Hawkchurch United) 25, Adam Whitehouse (Millwey Rise), Jamie Spurdle (Crewkerne Town) 22.*
***DIVISION TWO**: Sam Murley (Shepton Beauchamp) 24, Josh Hunter (Beaminster Res), Gavin Fowler (Uplyme) 16.*
***DIVISION THREE**: Marco Quedas (Luso-Chard) 34, Aaron Hodges (Crewkerne Town Res) 23, Adam Swinnerton (Crewkerne Town Res) 20.*
***DIVISION FOUR**: Ashley Cooper and Dan Rudge (both W&M Chinnock Reserves) 30, Will Aplin (Shepton Beauchamp Res) 20.*
*(Excl Chard Hospital Cup).*

## RUGBY PREVIEW

# Top two clash at Dening Field

By **Keith Jenkin**

Although CHARD'S most impressive run of outstanding results continued on Saturday last with a 95-point thrashing of Gordano, a side in the mid-table of the Somerset Premier Division, their aspirations to end the season as champions did receive a bit of a set-back, for their rivals, HORNETS notched a bonus point win against Minehead Barbarians.

With games running out, the Dening Field side will be hard pressed to make up the deficit that exists between the sides at the top of the table.

The sides meet tomorrow in what will be a mouthwatering encounter, and I for one will make it my business to be at the Chard ground to watch what is almost certainly bound to be a nail-bitingly close game of rugby.

If memory serves, Hornets won the earlier encounter by just three points, with Chard left feeling that they had not been at their best, tactically speaking, and not having made the most of their edge in the pack.

A glance at the points differential would tend to indicate that Hornets do not, seemingly, have the free scoring ability that Chard have demonstrated in recent days; although a second look would confirm that they do have that enviable knack of winning their close games.

I have to say I believe that, while Chard will win this battle, they will lose the war and end the season in the league's runners-up position, with the prospect of gaining promotion via a play-off. They have been in that position before; but that is another story. They first have to win on Saturday next and I think that they will do so. They will certainly have to bring their 'A' game with them however.

CREWKERNE, whose run of league wins continued on Saturday last with a 31-17 win over Taunton thirds, have caught up their backlog of league fixtures and have a completely different prospect in view. They travel to West Dorset to take on BRIDPORT 2nd in a game that will, I think, decide the future of the 'Brown Bowler'.

I know that the Bridport first side are involved with a league game and that their seconds do encounter team raising difficulties from time to time. Saturday may be a chance for Crewkerne to introduce one or two fringe players into their starting line-up.

As to the second sides, Chard seconds, having demolished their Ivel Barbarian counterparts at their Yeovil ground by almost 50 points on Saturday last, travel to Wiveliscombe. They were, rather uncharacteristically, handed a walk-over by these opponents way back in September, and have enjoyed a much better season than Wivvy subsequently. I think they will win this one.

Chard thirds, who won with some comfort at home to Castle Cary seconds last Saturday, are without a game and most will, I suspect, join me in watching the encounter between their first side and Hornets.

■ **FIXTURES 2nd April**
Chard v Hornets; Wiveliscombe v 2nd Chard 2nd; Bridport 2nd v Crewkerne.

## Crewkerne skittles

| Division One | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Lost Boys | 19 | 184 |
| Headhunters | 19 | 157 |
| Super Sexy Six | 19 | 146 |
| Muddled men | 19 | 143 |
| King Willy Dogs | 19 | 135 |
| The Fryers | 19 | 127 |
| Coachmen | 19 | 111 |
| Disney | 19 | 91 |
| Rollers | 19 | 86 |
| Royal Oak Drimpton | 19 | 71 |
| Sports 92 | 19 | 65 |
| Swann Fokkers | 19 | 46 |

| Division Two | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Pinbusters | 19 | 143 |
| Football Club | 19 | 140 |
| Rug Rats | 19 | 139 |
| Nomads | 19 | 137 |
| Brewers Bees | 19 | 120 |
| Skimmers | 19 | 114 |
| Concorde | 19 | 106 |
| Coombe Boys | 19 | 101 |
| Loud & Proud | 19 | 100 |
| Swab Cobs | 19 | 96 |
| Willy Low Flyers | 19 | 87 |
| Kings Head B | 19 | 85 |

| Division Three | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Perrott Monkeys | 19 | 144 |
| Numpties | 19 | 138 |
| Swan Fixers | 19 | 138 |
| Royal Oak A | 19 | 135 |
| Con Club Legends | 19 | 129 |
| Motley Crew | 19 | 117 |
| Chis Colts | 19 | 112 |
| Contwistadors | 19 | 111 |
| Sandbaggers | 19 | 109 |
| Hung Like Horses | 19 | 100 |
| Dinnington Astros | 18 | 59 |
| Muppets | 18 | 52 |

## Chard indoor bowls

FINAL results and table (Afternoon Triples League); Two games were played in the short mat hall, the first between the two main protagonists, East Coker 'A' currently in first position and their closest rivals, the Greyhounds. All would be won or lost in this game.

It started off neck and neck but the Greyhounds could not progress any further and only managed to score 4 shots from East Coker 'A'. The favourites had put their best team out and zoomed into the lead finishing with a grand score of 21 shots.

The Greyhounds had also been concerned with the results of the other match

between Westway who were lying in third place and the Canaries. If Westway won and the Greyhounds lost, then Westway would overtake them in the table. However, Westway could not shake off the Canaries who held them to an 11 shots all draw.

| Table | P | W | D | L | F | A | +/- | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| East Coker A | 18 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 246 | 208 | 38 | 26 |
| Greyhounds | 18 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 246 | 208 | 38 | 22 |
| Westway | 18 | 10 | 2 | 6 | 235 | 218 | 17 | 22 |
| Magpies | 18 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 236 | 219 | 17 | 17 |
| Hurricanes | 18 | 7 | 1 | 10 | 224 | 243 | -19 | 15 |
| Somerset Six | 18 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 228 | 247 | -19 | 13 |
| Canaries | 18 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 190 | 267 | -77 | 11 |

◆ **ON FIRE**: Winners of the League's 'Hot-shot' badges receive their awards from Colin Burdett from sponsors Milford & Dormer at Saturday's presentation evening.

## FOOTBALL

# Cole on fire as Chard promotion bid ignites

By **Howard Larcombe**

WITH their first team inactive, attention at Chard Town turned to the Reserve team's quest for promotion from Division Three of the Devon & Exeter League.

The Robins' second string, having crushed hapless Exmouth Town Reserves 11-1 at Zembard Lane last week, took the trip to the coast looking to hand out another caning in the reverse fixture - and so it proved as they were quickly 4-0 ahead inside 15 minutes.

The final scoreline was 9-1 with striker Adam Cole adding two more to his nap-hand in the home fixture.

Darren Stewart's squad, currently third in the table, are guaranteed a tougher time of it tomorrow when they entertain second-placed Topsham Town Reserves.

| D & E DIVISION 3 (top) | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pinhoe | 19 | 14 | 3 | 2 | 76 | 23 | 45 |
| Topsham Town Reserves | 19 | 13 | 3 | 3 | 76 | 29 | 45 |
| **CHARD TOWN RESERVES** | **17** | **13** | **2** | **2** | **60** | **16** | **41** |
| Upottery | 22 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 45 | 31 | 37 |
| Sandford* | 16 | 12 | 2 | 2 | 62 | 29 | 36 |
| Dawlish United | 21 | 10 | 3 | 8 | 49 | 30 | 33 |
| Offwell Rangers* | 19 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 44 | 36 | 30 |

THE Chard first team return to Toolstation League Division One action with a trip to Bristol-based Roman Glass George.

With only one win in seven, the Robins will be hoping for a repeat of the reverse fixture when Sam Clark netted one of his two hat-tricks this season in a 3-1 win back in early October.

The Romans are struggling one off the foot of the table but recorded a fine 2-1 win at seventh-placed Devizes Town last time out.

| TOOLSTATION DIV 1 (bott) | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Almondsbury | 32 | 9 | 10 | 13 | 48 | 57 | 37 |
| Shepton Mallet | 32 | 10 | 2 | 20 | 43 | 73 | 32 |
| **CHARD TOWN** | **32** | **7** | **8** | **17** | **45** | **65** | **29** |
| Keynsham Town | 29 | 7 | 7 | 15 | 37 | 53 | 28 |
| Portishead Town | 31 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 42 | 66 | 28 |
| Westbury United | 30 | 7 | 2 | 21 | 34 | 69 | 23 |
| Roman Glass St George | 28 | 6 | 5 | 17 | 30 | 66 | 23 |
| Elmore | 29 | 5 | 1 | 23 | 40 | 105 | 16 |

### ILMINSTER TOWN

THE Blues face promotion rivals Nailsea Town twice in seven days in back-to-back fixtures that could define their whole season.

Goals from Chris Nezianya and Scott Jennings earned three points from a hard-fought 2-1 win over Fry club on Saturday, these added to a point from 1-1 result at draw-specialists Purnells on tuesday, means there is still all to play for manager Darren Manley and his squad ahead of the massive double-header against Nailsea Town.

| SOMERSET DIVISION 1 (top) | P | W | D | L | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Odd Down Reserves | 27 | 17 | 3 | 7 | 18 | 54 |
| Berrow | 23 | 16 | 4 | 3 | 31 | 52 |
| Weston St Johns | 25 | 15 | 4 | 6 | 30 | 49 |
| Nailsea Town | 21 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 29 | 44 |
| **ILMINSTER TOWN** | **23** | **13** | **4** | **6** | **11** | **43** |
| Bishop Sutton Reserves | 24 | 11 | 7 | 6 | 28 | 40 |
| Frome Collegians | 23 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 13 | 38 |
| Purnells | 24 | 7 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 32 |
| Fry Club | 22 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 28 |

### COMBE ST NICHOLAS

DESPITE a 1-0 defeat at dark-horses Congresbury on Saturday Combe St Nicholas remain firmly embroiled in the Division Two (West) promotion race.

The Saints travel to Long Ashton tomorrow. With rivals Ashton & Backwell facing a tricky clash with Churchill Club 70 a win could take Ivor Hutchings' side up to the dizzy heights of second in the table.

| SOMERSET DIV 2 WEST (top) | P | W | D | L | GD | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Yatton Athletic | 21 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 40 | 48 |
| Ashton & Backwell Utd Reserves* | 22 | 13 | 2 | 7 | 20 | 40 |
| Combe St Nicholas | 21 | 11 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 38 |
| Westland United | 22 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 4 | 37 |
| Congresbury* | 15 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 25 | 31 |
| Churchill Club 70 | 20 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 30 |
| Wells City Reserves | 22 | 8 | 5 | 9 | -2 | 29 |

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## Ilminster skittles

**FINAL RESULTS AND TABLES - Division One**: Flying Turkeys 371-11 (S.Spurway 53) Ashill Inn 341-1 (C.Male 45), Cricketers 395-9 (M.Vickery 56) Hatch Beagles 380-3 (M.Grabham 56), Rockey's Rollers 319-10 (I.Findlay 46) Crown Faces 314-2 (D.Whaites 45), Kingshead 308-1 (J.Shorting 46) Carnival Clingons 338-11 (K.Channon 49), Royals 398-12 (C.Gabe 58) Kingshead 370-0 (C.Barrett 63).

| DIVISION ONE | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carnival Clingons | 16 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 112 |
| Ashill Inn | 16 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 106 |
| Royals | 16 | 9 | 0 | 7 | 105 |
| Hatch Beagles | 16 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 100 |
| Crown Faces | 16 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 97 |
| Cricketers | 16 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 92 |
| Flying Turkeys | 16 | 7 | 0 | 9 | 89 |
| Rocky's Rollers | 16 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 82 |
| Kings Head | 16 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 73 |

*(High scores: J.Miles and S.Hoskins both 70).*

**Division Two**: Donyatt BC 386-9 (K.Kneeshaw, I.Pearce 53) Royal Oak 377-3 (T.Jenkins 69), Bell A 362-10 (R.Mullett 50) Wyndham Arms 329-2 (B.Bragg 50), Bell Broadway 352-9 (D.Brunt 47) Bell Clangers 346-3 (N.Mapstone 50), Ashill Boys 318-3 (M.Boobyer, B.Smart, R.Robson 44) Nomads 326-9 (A.Peckham, J.Miller 48), Wyndham Arms 320-9 (W.Holland 49) Donyatt BC 310-3 (G.Pearce 46), Hatch Eggs 360-2 (M.Formaosa, C.Clark 51) Royal Oak 412-10 (C.Rust 65).

| DIVISION TWO | P | W | D | L | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Nomads | 15 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 134 |
| Royal Oak | 16 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 118 |
| Donyatt BC | 16 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 116 |
| Wyndham Arms | 16 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 106 |
| Bell A | 16 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 101 |
| Bell Broadway | 14 | 9 | 1 | 4 | 100 |
| Ashill Boys | 15 | 7 | 0 | 8 | 81 |
| Bell Clangers | 16 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 61 |
| Hatch Eggs | 16 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 28 |

*(High scores: K.White, T.Jenkins both 69).*

## Chard swimming

**TOP PERFORMERS**
JOE Spurway (13) and Abigail Dare (14) were named as Chard and District's February 'Swimmers of the Month'. Joe achieved his first ever South West Regional Qualifying time in the 100m Backstroke event, whilst Abigail achieved debut South West Consideration times in the 100m Butterfly and 400m Freestyle events.

## Ilminster bowls

ILMINSTER bowling club played Puriton on Saturday in the county double rink semi-final.

Ilminster were expecting a tough match and so it proved. Towards the end of the match the scores were tied, but the Ilminster rink pulled a key score with two ends to go to lead by seven going into the last two ends before finally running out winners by four shots overall.

Scores: B.McCoombes, K.Hamilton , N.Rowe, P.Mattravers Lost 19-21 D.Clarke. W.Anderson, M.Hamilton, L.Ridout, M.Denslow Bt R.Riddle 22-16

Ilminster bowler Matt Hamilton has reached the Somerset under 25s singles final after a great battle against fellow Ilminster bowler and brother Ben Hamilton.

Matt took an early lead and was putting in some excellent bowls, but Ben put in three stunning ends to go from 18-9 down to 18-17 down. The next few ends again showed some stunning bowls with the game going to the last end at 20-20.

The contest eventually came down to the last bowl with Matt drawing shot and winning the match 21-20. Matt now plays Ian Trunks in the final at Donyatt bowling club on 16th April.

Ilminster played the final county league game of the season on Sunday against Victoria needing only eight points to win the league.

Ilminster struggled to put together a winning performance, but showed great character to win the match overall by seven shots and winning the division two title.

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# Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

# Glovers fail to sparkle at home

TWO sparkling away wins has seen Yeovil Town inch away from the relegation zone, and they enhanced that on Tuesday with a hard fought 1-0 victory over Carlisle United at Huish Park.

The win saw them move above Sheffield Wednesday who lost at home to Brentford and put more distance between themselves and Swindon Town, who went down at Exeter.

Perhaps the most disturbing factor of the night though was the crowd of 3,331, the second lowest attendance since entering the Football League in the 2003-04 season.

This is a worrying trend as it was 20 fans less than those that watched the Peterborough United match only last month, which had then held that unenviable mantle.

Despite a lot of huff and puff, and some delightful football at times, particularly before the faulty sprinkler system caused a delay after 14 minutes, Yeovil once again failed to produce a performance that will want people queuing up for tickets.

The facts are that before Tuesday's game, the Glovers had won only one of their last seven home matches; a single goal victory over Plymouth.

The other have resulted in four defeats and two draws and seen Yeovil score just three goals in total, hardly entertaining fare to encourage the fans.

The management may like to use the fact that an England "B" team were on television, but the fact is that they do not seem to be able to reproduce the same form at Huish Park as they do away from home.

Facts once again show that the Glovers had earned more points away from home this season; 25 compared to 19; which maybe suggests they prefer teams coming on to them, allowing them to counter-attack.

| *Bottom of the table* | *P* | *W* | *D* | *L* | *F* | *A* | *GD* | *Pts* |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| *Charlton Athletic* | *38* | *13* | *11* | *14* | *54* | *57* | *-3* | *50* |
| *Hartlepool United* | *39* | *14* | *8* | *17* | *40* | *56* | *-16* | *50* |
| *Oldham Athletic* | *39* | *11* | *14* | *14* | *46* | *54* | *-8* | *47* |
| ***YEOVIL TOWN*** | ***38*** | ***13*** | ***8*** | ***17*** | ***42*** | ***54*** | ***-12*** | ***47*** |
| *Sheffield Wednesday* | *38* | *12* | *8* | *18* | *53* | *59* | *-6* | *44* |
| *Tranmere Rovers* | *37* | *11* | *10* | *16* | *41* | *49* | *-8* | *43* |
| *Notts County* | *36* | *12* | *6* | *18* | *37* | *44* | *-7* | *42* |
| *Dagenham & Redbridge* | *37* | *10* | *11* | *16* | *41* | *51* | *-10* | *41* |
| *Walsall* | *39* | *10* | *10* | *19* | *47* | *63* | *-16* | *40* |
| *Bristol Rovers* | *38* | *9* | *10* | *19* | *41* | *72* | *-31* | *37* |
| *Swindon Town* | *39* | *7* | *13* | *19* | *44* | *63* | *-19* | *34* |
| *Plymouth Argyle* | *38* | *12* | *7* | *19* | *44* | *62* | *-18* | *33* |

*(*10pts deducted)*

The argument partially falls down because Carlisle, despite them having a date on Sunday at Wembley when they play Brentford in the final of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, attacked from the off as if they were the home side, and kept the pressure on until the final whistle.

After a bright start, interrupted by the sprinklers going off at the Blackthorn Stand end, Yeovil fell away a bit, and although they had a lot of the ball, they created few chances, and I can't recall the visiting keeper Adam Collin having to make a save worthy of a mention, whilst Stephen Henderson once again showed what an excellent keeper he is with three or four top class stops.

The Bristol City loanee was well served by his three central defenders in which Adam Virgo was outstanding, whilst Shaun MacDonald, although not showing the goalscoring prowess that bagged him a hat trick at Leyton Orient, and the fit again Paul Wotton, added steel and experience to the midfield.

Wide midfielders Andy Welsh and Craig Alcock both had good first halves, but were not so effective after the break, whilst Ollie Johnson, playing in behind the strikers had the best game I have seen, with some clever touches, but is still inclined to pull out of tackles and commit himself.

The goal that won the game was an excellent one; Dean Bowditch cleverly playing in Jonathan Obika with a neat flick from a long ball out of defence, and the Tottenham loanee producing a nice finish.

However as often happens at home, Yeovil let Carlisle dictate after the goal and they swarmed forward as the Glovers got penned in the last third of the pitch.

They should have equalised; a reward for their positive play; but Ben Marshall wasted a glorious opportunity when he somehow volleyed over the top from two yards out from an inswinging corner midway through the second half.

Local rivals and relegation candidates Bristol Rovers are the visitors to Huish Park this Saturday, including former Glovers favourite Gavin Williams, and a win would see manager Terry Skiverton breathing a little easier, but they do need to find their goal scoring touch.

Hopefully Yeovil will be safe come the last game of the season when they travel to Brunton Park, because based on this performance, and despite Yeovil's recent excellent away results, they will be lucky to get anything from the game.

**TOUCHDOWN**: Ben Stead squeezes over the line for a try in Chard 1st XVs 95-0 massacre of Gordano last Saturday. ***Photo by KEITH RENDELL***

## Mixed Tennis

| Division 1 | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Sherborne A | 12 | 96 |
| Martock A | 11 | 75 |
| Melcombe Regis | 12 | 72 |
| Charmouth | 12 | 63 |
| Yeovil A | 10 | 38 |
| Chard A | 12 | 31 |
| Sherborne B | 11 | 25 |

| Division 2 | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| S.Petherton A | 10 | 82 |
| Ilminster | 10 | 66 |
| Somerton A | 10 | 44 |
| Martock B | 9 | 41 |
| Chard B | 9 | 30 |
| Weymouth A | 10 | 27 |

| Division 3 | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Beaminster | 12 | 71 |
| Somerton B | 10 | 60 |
| Yeovil B | 11 | 60 |
| Wincanton | 10 | 56 |
| Misterton A | 12 | 50 |
| Bridport A | 8 | 41 |
| Somerton C | 9 | 23 |

| Division 4 | Pld | Pts |
|---|---|---|
| Bridport B | 12 | 81 |
| S.Petherton B | 12 | 74 |
| Martock C | 12 | 68 |
| Yeovil C | 12 | 57 |
| Sutton Montis | 12 | 50 |
| Misterton B | 12 | 46 |
| Weymouth B | 12 | 44 |

## Crewkerne badminton

***CREWKERNE CROWNED CHAMPIONS***

CREWKERNE were finally undone at the final hurdle suffering their first defeat of the season losing 5-4 to Bishops Caundle.

Once again the top pairing of Chris Ireland and Helen Taylor led the way winning all three of their rubbers although in the second rubber they had to fight hard after losing the first game 21-17.

Michelle Brown was partnered with Mark Newberry standing in last minute for her normal partner, unfortunately the new pairing didn't have time to gel and although the scores in each game were fairly consistent they didn't manage to win any rubbers.

Francis Chudley and Abi Taylor had a mixed evening losing their first rubber 21-9 and a very close 22-20, then won their second rubber in an equally close 21-18, 22-20, which left both teams on four rubbers apiece.

Francis and Abi started the final rubber slowly losing 21-11, but bounced back winning the second game 21-13 which took the rubber and match to a very exciting deciding game, Francis and Abi took command and were looking good to take the game when Abi took a nasty smash in the mouth which unsettled the pair and they lost 21-17.

Despite losing their final match Crewkerne were crowned Division Two champions, having won 11 out of 12 matches, with their closest rivals Bishops Caundle and Preston winning only eight.

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**CREWKERNE CRICKET CLUB RACE NIGHT**

CREWKERNE Cricket Club are holding a Horse Racing Evening tonightat Crewkerne Sports Club, Henhayes.

The first of eight races in what promises to be a fun evening is at 8pm. Entry cost is £5 which includes light nibbles.

For more information on the evening itself contact Club Secretary Hamish Hodder 07890176474 or email hamish.hodder@crewkernecricketclub.org.uk

**DONYATT BOWLS**

DONYATT bowlers entertain Mid-Devon in a 4-rink mixed friendly tomorrow. Start time is 2pm.

# ON THE SPOT...

***WEEKENDER SPORT*** puts Chard Rangers' Luke Chubb ***UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT***

**Q How long have you been involved in local football? Who have you played for?**

A I have been playing local league football for around 18 years. I started my career at Cotleigh FC after they invited me to train with them as a youngster. I then joined Ilminster Town for a couple of seasons before being convinced to join Forton Rangers (Lager can be very persuasive!) I then returned to the former Cotleigh FC, now named Chard Rangers, to play alongside my friends and brother.

**Q Name the three best players you've played alongside and why.**

A For commitment and passion I'd better start with my brother, **Ben Chubb**, who after going through his own battle with cancer has come back a stronger and better player. I then would go for the best defender I've ever played with, or seen, **Phil Major**, who no matter how much he smoked or drank, appeared the fittest and quickest man on the pitch. My final choice would be between two of my ex-striking partners - **Lee Seymour** and **Barry Male**, with whom, believe it or not, I formed great partnerships and we scored lots of goals.

**Q What's the best away ground you've played at?**

A On occasion when I played Ilminster Town first team, Mangotsfield was a terrific ground, however locally, I don't think you can beat South Petherton.

**Q How would you improve things at the club?**

A The team and the morale just couldn't be improved, however the pitch and changing facilities definitely need looking into.

**Q Do any games stick out in your memory?**

A Yes - when I was captain for Chard Rangers we managed to get to the final of the Tommy Tabberer cup held at Lyme Regis (v Hinton 2003-04), which was a great result. However I managed to stupidly, and regrettably, get myself sent-off for a reckless challenge.

**Q Name some young local players we should look out for in the future.**

A **Josh Rolfe** and **John Mason** have both got an abundance of talent, speed and technique. A bit more maturity and experience will make them great players.

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